

## 7. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2005 - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding in order for the Board to prepare and submit three entries into the New Zealand Community Board Conference – Best Practice awards.

The Best Practice awards will be judged prior to the Conference and presented at the New Zealand Community Board Conference in March 2005.

The Board won two awards in 2003, claiming a 'Supreme Award' in the Significant Project category for the *40 Year Vision of Styx River* and obtaining a 'Highly Commended Award' in the Facilitation category for *Neighbourhood Week*.

Award categories include: Facilitation; Consultation; Significant Project; Partnership; and Maori Culture.

### OBJECTIVES

*Recognition of significant contribution made by Community Boards to the process of achieving excellence in local government;*

*Development of the award as a learning tool for quality improvement in Community Boards;*

Fostering the exchange of good management practice and innovative ideas.”

The Board **resolved** at its meeting on 7 July 2004:

- To support three initiatives for the Best Practice awards and funding to be met from the Discretionary funds.
- That the Northlands Mall development to be considered for a Best Practice award.

The following three initiatives were identified by the Board at its Seminar meeting on 23 July 2004:

- Papanui Living Streets – Tuckers Road (Consultation category).
- Children's Day – (Partnership category).
- Community Heritage Awards (Maori Culture category).

In light of the fact that the Assistant Community Adviser is on parental leave and we have a temporary secondment in that position, the present work commitment would not be practicable to pursue a fourth project i.e. Northlands Mall. It is therefore recommended that this should not be pursued and that consideration be given to entering this project in the Best Practice awards for 2006.

In the previous years, the Board has provided funding of \$4,000 and it is therefore recommended that the Board allocate the amount of \$3,000 towards the costs associated with entering the awards in 2005.

The New Zealand Community Board Best Practice awards provide an ideal opportunity to promote and showcase initiatives in Christchurch City, whilst providing recognition to successful community partnerships.

### Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board allocate \$3,000 from its Discretionary Funds, in support of the three initiatives.
  2. That a working party of two Board members be assigned to work with staff on these initiatives.

### Chairperson's

- Recommendation:**
1. That staff recommendation 1 be approved.

2. That a working party comprising of Stonhill and Palmer be assigned to work with staff on these initiative.
3. The Board submit three entries as follows: Children's Day (Children's category), Northlands Mall (Facilitation category) and Community Heritage Awards (Maori Culture category).
4. That Tuckers Road be held over for consideration for the 2007 Best Practice Awards.